

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION,
3 THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, THE STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
4 ASSOCIATION, THE FIRE SERVICE COUNCIL, THE NEW MEXICO
5 MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
6 REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE
7 AMENDMENTS TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT ACT.
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9 WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters provide vital services
10 in a number of localities across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, as volunteers, these people, unlike career
12 firefighters, do not qualify for retirement programs through
13 their local governments; and

14 WHEREAS, the volunteer firefighter retirement program
15 can assist local fire departments in the recruiting and
16 retention of personnel; and

17 WHEREAS, the administration of the program has become
18 problematic in determining service credit, reporting service
19 credit, calculating benefits and removing inactive members
20 from the retirement database;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public employees retirement
23 association, the state fire marshal's office, the state
24 volunteer firefighter association, the fire service council,
25 the New Mexico municipal league and the New Mexico

1 association of counties report to the appropriate interim
2 committee after June 1, 2008 to propose amendments to the
3 Volunteer Firefighters Retirement Act; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the public employees retirement association,
6 the state fire marshal's office, the state volunteer
7 firefighter association, the fire service council, the New
8 Mexico municipal league and the New Mexico association of
9 counties.

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